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AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

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AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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BEIRUT PASS BAGHDAD

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PRINCE FAHD COMMENTS ON SADDAM HUSSEIN

1. IN MARCH 19 MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR, SECOND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER PRINCE FAHD STATED THAT HE WOULD BE VISITING IRAQ APRIL 5 THROUGH 8, TO BE FOLLOWED BY VISIT TO IRAN BEGINNING APRIL 21. FAHD SAID HE HAD BEEN INVITED BY SUDDAM HUSSEIN WHILE AT ALGIERS OPEC SUMMIT MEETING. HE HAD BEEN IMPRESSED, SAID FAHD, WITH HUSSEIN'S REALISM AND ADROITNESS.

2. HUSSEIN, SAID FAHD, WAS DOING HIS BEST TO ERADICATE COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN IRAQ. HE WAS DOING THIS OUT OF HIS OWN CONVICTION AS TO WHAT WAS BEST FOR IRAQ, HAVING NOTED IRAQ'S PRESENT ISOLATED POSITION - NO FRIENDS, AND BOTHERSOME DIFFICULTIES WITH KUWAIT, SAUDI ARABIA, AND OTHERS. HUSSEIN CITED THE IRAQI-IRANIAN ACCORD AS EVIDENCE OF THE NEW DIRECTION IN IRAQI POLICY; GIVE HIM A COUPLE OF MONTHS AND HE WOULD DO EVEN BETTER, HE TOLD FAHD.

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3. FAHD PROMISED TO GIVE AMBASSADOR HIS OWN ASSESS-

MENT AFTER RETURNING FROM IRAQ.

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